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Drug allegations lead to Seattle-area registered nurse's suspension

OLYMPIA — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of registered nurse Gordon McSherry (RN60147078) on charges that he diverted drugs for personal use. The action by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Washington State Department of Health means he cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved.

The charges say McSherry diverted drugs from three different facilities in Washington between September 2010 and January 2011, including 97 instances of diversion in one facility. Criminal charges have been filed against McSherry in King County. The charges also say McSherry had criminal drug charges pending in Texas before his move to our state, which he didn't disclose when he applied for a Washington license in March 2010.

McSherry has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing. Legal documents are available by clicking the link to Provider Credential Search on the [agency home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700.

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